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## Rhea Cohen Resigns As County Consultant

Councilwoman Rhea Cohen has resigned from her part-time consultant job with the Prince Georges county government. She had been hired on December 21, 1971 by county executive William W. Gullett to investigate the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission.

In her letter of resignation, Mrs. Cohen wrote, "I find this action is necessitated by my obligations to the Prince Georges Environment Coalition and to my constituents in Greenbelt, which preclude the continuation of my work for your office and might, indeed, present a conflict of interest."

According to Mrs. Cohen, Gullett made several decisions without consulting her, which, she said, "were completely incompatible with my work for the health and safety of the people of Prince Georges county." Among these, she said, were allowing Landover Mall to open for business despite violations of the building code, the fire code, and the health regulations, and allowing the effluent from the shopping center's package on-site sewage treatment plant to flow through a residential neighborhood even though the county health officer warned that under such circumstances there was danger of virus contamination; and agreeing to build a package sewage plant at county expense for the Largo sports arena.

During her tenure, Mrs. Cohen was instrumental in drawing attention to the fact that WSSC has continued to connect new apartment projects to sewage treatment plants, despite the State-imposed sewer moratorium.

According to the metropolitan press, Gullett had become critical of Mrs. Cohen for her frequent public statements objecting to the sports arena, which he was backing. He said that such statements had "rendered her ineffective" and he had decided to end Mrs. Cohen's services before she had submitted her resignation.

## APB Expansion Suggested For Environment Problems

The city's Advisory Planning Board in Report No. 118 poured some cold water on the idea of a separate environmental advisory board. The suggestion, made by councilman Charles Schwan, has been circulated among the advisory boards for comment. The APB instead recommended that its 7-member board be expanded to 9 persons and that three of these positions be reserved for citizens whose interests and capabilities are in the field of environmental improvement.

The APB thought that the creation of a new and separate board would be unwise and inefficient in that it would lead to a hopeless overlapping of authority of the various advisory boards and to jurisdictional disputes. The APB acknowledged, however, that the present advisory boards have been deficient in establishing a practical institutional mechanism to facilitate citizen participation in decisions affecting the environment and to engender citizens support for environmental measures.

## McKINLEY HIGH REUNION

McKinley "Tech" High School graduates of June 1952, February 1953, and June 1953 are planning a reunion October 14 at the Washingtonian Motel near Gaithersburg, Md. Graduates of this D. C. high school have been traced, in many cases, but others are "lost." Alumni who have not been contacted by mail should call the Tech Reunion Committee at 937-6918 or 559-7021.

## AGENDA REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL Monday, Sept., 11, 1972 8 p.m.

### I. ORGANIZATION

- 1 Call to Order
- 2 Roll Call
- 3 Meditation  
Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
- 4 Minutes of Regular Meeting of August 14, 1972  
Minutes of Special Meeting of August 23, 1972
- 5 Additions to Agenda by Councilmen and Manager

### II. COMMUNICATIONS

- 6 Petitions and Requests
  - a Letter Regarding Trash Container at 23 Court Ridge
  - b Letter from Greenbriar Associates requesting Permission to Make a Presentation on the Use of the Air Curtain Destructor for Land Clearance
- 7 Administrative Reports
- 8 Committee Reports:
  - a PRAB Report #9-72 - Proposal to Acquire Remainder of Parcel 15

### III. OLD BUSINESS

- 9 An Ordinance to Amend Paragraph (c) of Section 11-25, "Stop Intersections", of the Greenbelt City Code to Provide that the Intersections of Northway Road and Crescent Road, and Lastner Lane and Crescent Road Shall be Stop Intersections - Second Reading
- 10 An Ordinance to Amend Article 11 of Chapter 13 of the Greenbelt City Code by Adding a New Subsection 13-1A, "Hours", to Provide for the Establishment of Hours During Which the Greenbelt Lake Park Shall be Open to the Public - Second Reading
- 11 An Ordinance to appropriate the Sum of One Thousand Seventy-Five Dollars (\$1,075.00) from the Unappropriated Surplus Monies in the Replacement Fund - Second Reading
- 12 Resolution to Transfer Funds Within Departments - \$3,800 - Second Reading
- 13 Proposal for Indoor-Outdoor Tennis Complex - Tennis, Unlimited and Lancer Corporation
- 14 Indoor Swimming Pool

### IV NEW BUSINESS

- 15 Vandalism to Religious Institutions
- 16 County Legislation - CB2
- 17 Bicentennial Celebration
- 18 Carnival Type Games of Chance
- 19 Cost Estimate of Traffic Engineering Study - Lakeside and Northway
- 20 Authorization to Use Ballots for October 3 Referendum
- 21 Appointment of Director of the Count and Assistants for October 3 Referendum
- 22 Appointment of Judges and Clerks of the Election for October 3 Referendum
- 23 Establishing of Salaries for Election Workers
- 24 Swim Team Divisional Meet Win
- 25 Contribution to Assist in Sending Greenbelt Shell to National Softball Tournament

### V MISCELLANEOUS

## WHAT GOES ON

Mon., Sept. 11, 8 p.m. City Council Meeting, Municipal Bldg.  
Wed., Sept. 13, 8 p.m. City Council Meets with Metro Officials, Municipal Bldg.  
Thurs., Sept. 14, 7:45 p.m. GHI Board Meeting, Hamilton Pl.  
8 p.m. League of Women Voters, Center School

## City Asked for Views On Local Developer

Mayor Richard Pilski found his name featured in the Reading, Pa. press last month when he was asked to comment on the experiences of the City of Greenbelt with the development firm of Bresler and Reiner, Inc. The latter firm had contracted with the Reading Redevelopment Authority for the construction of a high-rise motel-convention complex in downtown Reading.

Several Reading councilmen were concerned over the fact that starting construction dates promised by Charles Bresler, president of the firm, had not been met. A local Reading citizen, with relatives in Greenbelt, had suggested that it would be helpful to have available the firm's "track record as developers" in Greenbelt.

Mayor Pilski's letter of August 2 summarized the experiences of the City of Greenbelt with respect to the failure of Charles Bresler and his wife to honor (1) the Charlestowne Village covenant restricting the density of the tract and (2) the agreement calling for deeding to the city 3.3 acres of land for park use. Pilski also referred to the failure of Bresler to deed certain land for buffer use near Boxwood Village, as promised.

Pilski's letter also stated that he was not aware of any serious deficiencies with respect to the construction work performed by Bresler & Reiner. "We have received complaints from residents, but these complaints are typical of those made by new home owners," he wrote. The townhouse project has been one of the better maintained multiple-family developments, he added, and the single-family homes he built are attractive and are reasonably well sited on the land.

Pilski, however, advised the Reading officials that they carefully examine any agreements "to make certain that there are no ways for this developer or any developer to circumvent the understandings that are the basis for the agreement." Pilski in his letter had referred to the fact that the City of Greenbelt had gone to court in an attempt to enforce the terms of the covenant restricting the density of the Charlestowne Village tract to 7 units per acre and prohibiting construction of a high-rise apartment building, but lost because of several technicalities.

Both the Reading Times and the Reading Eagle featured the contents of Mayor Pilski's letter in their August 8 issues. An editorial in the Reading Times also warned city officials to "watch out." Interpreting Pilski's letter as saying that "anybody who does business with Bresler and Reiner had better make sure this firm lives up to what it agrees to," the editorial concluded that "Pilski's warning is worth bearing in mind, every step of the way."

Bresler and associates are still involved in much of the undeveloped land located in the Greenbelt core.

## PAPER PICKUP

There will be a citywide paper pickup this Friday at 8:30 a.m.

## COUNCIL HEARS LANCER'S NEW PLAN FOR TENNIS FACILITY

by Roberta McNamara

At a public hearing before city council Wednesday, August 23, William Berkshire, president of Lancer Corp. of Bowie, proposed construction of an indoor-outdoor tennis facility containing a number of changes from the original proposal made in July.

The original proposal called for Lancer to purchase 4 acres of a ten-acre tract owned by Consolidated Syndicates adjacent to the American Legion and the Beltway (parcel 15). Thereafter, Lancer would dedicate approximately 2 acres to the city which the city would then lease back (for 20 to 30 years) to Lancer for the construction and operation of an indoor-outdoor tennis complex consisting of six indoor & six outdoor tennis courts and 5 indoor handball-squash courts.

The new proposal calls for Lancer Corporation to reserve the entire 10 acres with two years to exercise its option to purchase the land. Lancer would assign the option to the city or exercise it jointly with the city in order to build an enclosed ice skating rink or other facility, if economically sound. Lancer would also agree to attempt to extend the option on expiration and not to sell, assign, or transfer the land or improve or build on it without prior city approval.

### New Financial Arrangements

New financial arrangements were also proposed by Lancer. Under the original proposal, Lancer would pay the city a percentage of its gross receipts or a guaranteed minimum of \$2,000 per year. However, from that portion of the fees paid in excess of \$2,000, Lancer would withhold monies to the city until such time as Lancer was paid back for any land it purchased.

Under the new proposal, the city would receive 5% instead of the 3% of the gross receipts up to \$100,000 and 10% instead of 5% of receipts between \$100,000-\$200,000, and 10%

## Landlord - Tenant

The Prince Georges County Council has scheduled public hearings on the proposed landlord-tenant code in the auditorium of Prince Georges Community College on Sept. 12 and at the County Courthouse in Upper Marlboro on Sept. 13. Both meetings will get underway at 7:30 p.m.

The bill would establish a seven-member landlord-tenant commission with broad regulatory powers. Headed by an executive director, the panel would be appointed by the County Executive with Council confirmation.

Under the proposal drafted by the Councilmen and their staff, the Commission would have the power to license apartments owners and managers, hold rents in escrow pending the outcome of landlord-tenant disputes and even compel disputing parties to attend a unique landlord-tenant instructional school.

The Council's human resources committee reported the bill out July 26 with a favorable, 3-0 vote.

Subpoena power also would be granted to the Commission as well as the authority to enforce federal rent guidelines and those portions of the County Housing Code that apply to rental facilities. The bill also contains a lengthy section spelling out landlord and tenant responsibilities, including specifications for written leases.

## GREENBELT GOLDDIGGERS

The Greenbelt Goldiggers will hold registration for new members on Sept. 12, 14, 19 and 21. Majorettes between the ages of 4 and 20 are welcome to join. Only a limited number of 4 and 5 year olds will be taken on a first come first serve basis.

Banner carriers, drummers and color guard members are also needed. Any boy or girl 8 years old or over is invited to join. A new pom pom group for girls 8 yrs. or older will be starting.

Anyone interested in becoming a member of the group should come to the Greenbelt Fire House on the above dates between 6 and 8 p.m. If more information is needed, call Mrs. Evelyn Knott 577-9047 or Mrs. Ellen Heinicke 927-0469.

of the net profit over \$70,000. Payment for the last amount will be suspended until Lancer is compensated for the cost of any land connected with the purchase.

### PRAB Approves

Many of the modifications proposed by Lancer were the result of a meeting between the city's Parks and Recreation Advisory Board & Mr. Berkshire. PRAB in a report dated August 22 recommended council approval provided that a site plan was furnished, that the facility was esthetically pleasing and that Lancer agree to a rate structure that gives a substantial reduction to Greenbelt residents. PRAB also requested Lancer to acquire the entire 10 acres and give the city first option on future development.

At the meeting, Berkshire stated that Lancer would charge no membership fee to Greenbelters and would give 100 hours per week divided between free time for school use etc. and reduced rates for citizens during open time periods.

### APB Opposed

On the other hand, the city's Advisory Planning Board in report No. 117 recommended against the proposal because it would establish commercial use of the land and circumvent normal zoning and planning procedures. APB was concerned that the development of the facility would be a change of character of the neighborhood and could affect the zoning for the remaining 18 acres of parcel 15. PRAB also cautioned that they would be opposed to construction of the facility if it tended to increase the property values of the remainder of parcel 15 and thus preclude its eventual acquisition by the city.

APB also felt that the construction proposed would become unsightly and valueless prior to the end of the lease and that the proposal would allow Lancer to avoid paying property taxes to the city. The APB report had been prepared before it had learned of Lancer's modifications.

Gerald Russ of PRAB indicated that PRAB made its recommendation purely from a recreational standpoint in terms of city needs for more tennis facilities. PRAB noted that the Lancer proposal would provide, at no cost to the taxpayer, a unique recreational facility which would ordinarily be available only to residents of large cities. PRAB also said that the location is acceptable; it is not near residential housing; there is no need to clear large wooded areas; there is easy access with no traffic through residential areas.

### Council Reaction

When councilwoman Rhea Cohen asked Berkshire to explain the relationship between Lancer Corp. and local developer Charles Bresler, Berkshire indicated that Bresler is solely a builder-advisor with no financial connection with the company.

Hugh Jascourt pointed out that Tennis Unlimited in April had put forward plans for council consideration and that it was a matter of protocol for council to study Tennis Unlimited's proposal in terms of buying the land in question. Mayor Pilski responded that at the beginning of the meeting he asked if any representatives were present and none were. Jascourt responded that to his knowledge they had not received an invitation.

Mrs. Cohen made a motion to refer Lancer's new proposal to APB and PRAB to compare it with Tennis Unlimited's proposal. The motion died for a lack of a second. Councilman Gil Weidenfeld moved and councilman Charles Schwan seconded that council take the matter under advisement. Mrs. Cohen then asked city manager James Giese to set up a meeting with Tennis Unlimited so that council could study both proposals. Mr. Schwan then stated to the audience that council is not committed to either proposal.



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## Broken Bottle Danger

To the Editor:

To the Person Who Threw the Bottle into the Woods:

It broke. But my son is still alive — no thanks to you. He can still use his left hand (he is left-handed) — no thanks to you.

When he tripped and fell onto that broken, jagged bottle a matching jagged cut was slashed into his left wrist and through the artery. He had, maybe, fifteen minutes left to live. He might never have gotten to his fifth birthday — thanks to you.

Thanks to the Greenbelt Rescue Squad and my wife's quick thinking, he's OK. The scar will only serve to remind us how lucky we are to have him with us, still left-handed, and how much we love him.

Maybe this letter will help you to remember that next time, we, or somebody else, might not be so lucky.

Alexander's Father

## Let's Keep Lake Park Open

To the Editor:

Next week the Council will vote on a resolution that would close the Lake Park to all of us during certain hours of the night. This is evidently prompted by a conviction that certain areas of Greenbelt are not as safe as they once were. But why stop there? Why not put all the walkways in the GHI areas off-limits after dark also? Or maybe the whole outdoors with the provision that we could check with the police dispatcher before walking the dog or looking at the stars (movie patrons could hold on to their stubs to prove their whereabouts)?

We are so frightened of this world we've made. And rightly so. But what's to be gained by charging the mugger with being in the park after midnight? Once you've caught him or her, you can charge him or her with robbery or assault. The same goes for smoking pot or shooting ducks. If you want to make the park safe, let's start taking walks there at all hours. Lots of us. Get to know night and darkness again. It would be good for our souls. That you can't legislate.

Gabe Huck

## Get the Facts on Busing

To the Editor:

In recent weeks there has been considerable concern over school desegregation plans in Prince George's County. In some cases, this has resulted in misinformation on the status of busing in the schools within Greenbelt. Concerning the status of the elementary schools within Greenbelt, to the best of our knowledge there are no present plans for busing for the purpose of integration.

Parents wanting information information should contact Robert M. Litman, Office of Information, P. G. County Public Schools (phone 627-4145) or any School Board member (call 627-4800). Pro or con the issue, they nevertheless have the FACTS. Each PTA President is sent a wide range of information by the Board of Education and has received a copy of the Resolution on Desegregation by the Board as well as a copy of the Court Order of July 25, 1972.

The executive committees of the PTAs will review information as it becomes available, and if future plans do affect the schools within the city, information will be provided through the various PTA Newsletters and meeting programs.

Dan Charter

President, North End PTA

Eileen Peterson

President, Center School PTA

## Ambulance Club Fund Drive

To the Editor:

The Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad, Inc. will not hold the annual ambulance club drive this year. Prince Georges County has agreed to provide money for gasoline and maintenance with the provision that one ambulance will be available for service outside of Greenbelt, if needed.

However, donations will still be accepted at the station house or mailed to Greenbelt V.F.D.&R.S., Inc., P. O. Box 35, Greenbelt, Md. 20770. This money will be used towards the eventual replacement of of the ambulances and newer equipment for the ambulances that the county funds will not provide.

Paul M. Rousseau, President  
Greenbelt Vol. Fire Dept.  
& Rescue Squad, Inc.

## Kudos to Pool Personnel

To the Editor:

Now that both Labor Day and the Greenbelt swimming pool season are over I would like to thank the small band of cheerful young people who have kept it running through another summer. Through drizzle and chilly spells—often with only one or two customers in the water they kept the show going, and they were equally unperturbed by noisy weekend crowds, by the 7 and 8 a.m. morning shift, by errant tennis balls sailing into the pool, and by concession area.

I enjoyed the pool. Almost every day after work I managed to dip in to it for 15 to 30 minutes, cooling the body and clearing the mind after a working day and earning merit points towards a better cardiogram. It's an experience to be recommended and I am looking forward to a repetition next year. Oh yes, there could be improvements—the showers (half of them are regularly on the blink) have a single temperature setting of boiling hot, and you quickly learn that the third sink in the row drains onto the floor—but the main attraction, the pool itself, is just right. Yes, some day it would be nice to have an indoor pool too—I'd love to use one, but now that's just a hope for the future.

Meanwhile I am looking forward to meeting again the same crew, come next Memorial Day. I left them on Labor Day afternoon, sharing one last pizza by the poolside while music from the festival was blaring in from the parking lot and half a dozen or so devotees had their last chilly splash of the season. I wish them all a very happy year.

David Stern

## Thanks

To the Editor:

To all those who made our Muscular Dystrophy Carnival a success, we extend our thanks. Your generosity enabled us to forward a donation of \$30 to Muscular Dystrophy.

11 Court Laurel Hill

M.D. Carnival Crew

## NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

A Special Meeting of the Greenbelt City Council with officials of the METRO Transportation Planning Board to discuss Washington Metropolitan Area Transportation Authority plans and proposals for the Greenbelt Station and METRO security will be held on Wednesday, September 13, 1972 at 8 p.m. in the Council Meeting Room, Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt. All interested citizens are invited to attend.

Gudrun H. Mills, City Clerk

## Thanks

To the People of Greenbelt and the Festival Committee:

In memory of my husband, Eli Don Bullian, I would like to thank the Festival Committee for the job they are doing. In his mind he was always thinking of what could be done for the youths of Greenbelt, for they were his pride and joy. I am more than happy that his work is being carried on and is growing more and more each year as he intended it to. Thanks again.

Mrs. Eli Don Bullian

## Thanks

To the Editor:

We want to thank the city employees, especially Henry Sacra and Paul Williams, and the following groups: Mowatt Methodist, St. Hugh's and the Community Churches, for contributing much needed equipment and help. Also thanks to Boy Scout Troop for setting up the parade chairs.

Labor Day Festival and Steering Committee

## Danger In Giving Money

To the Editor:

To the mother, father, and teenage son who stopped their car in front of my house and gave my five year old daughter a nickle, please consider that your kind and probably spontaneous gesture may have very serious consequences insofar as a child cannot distinguish the difference between accepting money from strangers under safe circumstances and accepting things under dangerous circumstances.

It also gave us a terrible fright until we found out the details.

Joseph C. Murray

## Greenbelt Baptist Church Shifts to Fall Schedule

Beginning Sunday, September 10, Greenbelt Baptist Church will shift into its fall schedule. Sunday School is at 9:45 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Christian Training Hour will begin at 6 p.m.; Evening Worship, 7 p.m. Interested persons are cordially invited to join with the Greenbelt Baptist Congregation and their friends in Bible Study, Christian Training and Worship.

## Lutheran Rally Day

All children and teenagers (grades K-12) are cordially invited to attend Rally Day, Sunday, Sept. 10, from 2-4 p.m. at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 6905 Greenbelt Road. Come rain or come shine, Rally Day is the day when all children will be enrolled in their new Sunday School classes.

The Summer Olympics will highlight this year's Rally Day Program. Refreshments will also be served to all who attend.

## ROSH HASHONA

Rosh Hashona services at the Mishkan Torah will start on Friday, Sept. 8 at 7 p.m. On Saturday and Sunday, services will begin at 8 p.m.

## STAMP ALBUM OFFERED

A book for stamp collectors, "Stamps and Stories, the Exciting Saga of U. S. History Told in Stamps," is currently being made available by the U. S. Postal Service by mail order.

This is the first U. S. Postal Service book to fully illustrate U.S. stamps in color and list the values on each issue from 1847 through mid-1972.

The book has 224 pages and is convenient pocket size. It may be ordered by mail from the Philatelic Sales Unit, Washington, D. C. 20036.

## Community Church

Sunday, Sept. 10, marks the resumption of its regular schedule by Greenbelt Community Church. The monthly communion service will be held at 11 a.m., with the Rev. Robert L. Field preaching the first of a series on the theme: "Healing experience needed, but not happening."

Church school, also at 11 a.m., is offered for school age children, with care available for infants and nursery age children. For information phone John Schaffer (577-9340), Director of Christian Education.

A membership meeting of the entire congregation has been called for Sunday, Sept. 17, at 8 p.m. The purpose is to consider recommendations made by a special committee, headed by moderator Dr. George Reeves, which was set up last spring to develop action plans for the year. At this meeting, also, the membership will be asked to decide the extent of involvement by the church in the Greenbelt CARES program.

## Divorce Jewish Style

You don't have to be Jewish to try out for Mishkan Torah's musical play, "Divorce Jewish Style." Open auditions will be held at the Mishkan Torah Building, Ridge and Westway, at 8 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 13.

## Holy Cross Lutheran Church



6905 Greenbelt Rd.

Worship Services

8:30 and 11:15 A.M.

Sunday School 9:50 A.M.

Edward H. Birner, Pastor

Phone 345-5171

9:45 A.M.	Sunday School	6:00 P.M.	Training Union
11:00 A.M.	Morning Worship	7:00 P.M.	Evening Worship
7:30 P.M. Wednesday	Midweek Service		

**GREENBELT BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Crescent & Greenhill Rds. S. Jasper Morris, Jr., Pastor - 474-4040

## GREENBELT COMMUNITY CHURCH

(United Church of Christ) Hillside &amp; Crescent, 474-6171

REV. ROBERT L. FIELD, Pastor, 474-3120

Sunday Worship Service and Church School — 11 a.m.  
Infant and Nursery care provided

## UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

(Mowatt Memorial) 40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt, Md. Telephone 474-9410

Rev. Clifton Cunningham, Pastor - Tel. 474-3331

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(Nursery through Kindergarten at 11:00)

Church School (Kindergarten through adults) 9:30 A.M.

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## Aqua Spa Referendum

To the Editor:

On October 3, 1972, a Referendum will be held to authorize the issuance of \$650,000 in bonds for the construction of an indoor swimming pool, health and exercise facility. After extensive studies the City believes that this bond issue will provide for a 25 meter pool with a shallow water training pool, a 3 meter diving board in a quality constructed enclosure with an adjacent facility of adequate size to provide bath house facilities to serve both the indoor and outdoor pools, a health-exercise area containing saunas, whirlpools and exercise equipment, and an eating/spectator area.

### IS THE CITY OF GREENBELT IN A POSITION TO AFFORD SUCH A FACILITY?

Looking around us, we see that it is not unusual for cities to provide a major recreational facility. The municipality of Rockville built a \$1,000,000 outdoor-indoor pool complex in 1968-69; the City of Bowie opened its huge \$700,000 ice skating rink last December. Greenbelt and its citizen organizations have been consistent leaders in providing unique health, recreational and general welfare services to its citizens. The City developed the first community swimming pool in Maryland.

The expression of local interest in an indoor swimming pool led to the present referendum. In the 1969 City election a series of questions was presented concerning what facilities the voters would like to see constructed by the City. An indoor swimming pool turned out to be the most desired facility. An informal survey conducted in 1971 confirmed the existence of ample local demand for an Aqua Spa, as did the formation of the citizens group, Friends of the Greenbelt Aqua Spa. At present many citizens are attracted by the addition of the health spa and facilities and eating/spectator area. Many Greenbelters belong to commercial health spa's and Greenbelt Winter Swimmers paid approximately \$3000 for indoor pool time. This amount was limited by the deterrent of transportation time involved and the scarcity of available pool time; in order to swim four hours per week they had to accept the Saturday morning 7 a.m. to 8 a.m. time slot.

The demand for non-resident season and day passes has been estimated by Dr. Gabrielson, nationally known pool expert, who was hired by the City as a consultant. Looking at the number of outdoor pools surrounding Greenbelt and noting the absence of indoor pool facilities, he assured the City representatives that the planned facilities would have no trouble being financially self-supporting.

As for the development of future demand (the Aqua Spa will have a lifetime of 40 plus years); the Greenbelt population is about 18,200. This number is projected to rise to over 35,000 by the time all development as presently zoned is completed. The population served by Planning Areas 66 and 67, College Park-Greenbelt and vicinity, is expected to increase from approximately 70,000 in 1969 to 150,000 by the year 2000, thus doubling the demand for recreational services.

Pool rentals will form a major source of income for the Aqua Spa, in addition to memberships and day passes for pool and or Health Spa, and registration fees for classes and special events. The demand for pool rental time has been illustrated by the Washington Post. An article, "Lack of Pool Hurts Areas Swimming," noted that "We have doubled the number of young swimmers in the last three years." "The rampaging growth that has made metropolitan Washington a center for age-group swimming has also created almost insoluble problems . . . The main difficulty is lack of pools." "Everyone wants pool time - kids, adults, clubs, beginners, members . . . swimmers are practicing at terrible times, like 5 a.m."

This sketches the general situation. The following excerpts from letters are more specific:

To City Council: From the President of the Prince-Mont Swim League: " . . . I am certain that our league alone would rent as much pool time as the City of Greenbelt would make available. I

therefore request that you do not exclude the possibility of rental in your consideration of the indoor pool."

To the Honorable Richard Pilski, Mayor, City of Greenbelt; From the Assistant in Motor Development, Special Education Department, Prince Georges County Schools: "Our very critical problem is that we can at best provide this opportunity for swimming to only approximately 10% of the youngsters severely handicapped in this county. With the current status of the school budget and honest projections for the coming years, it is very unlikely that the construction and maintenance of a swimming facility in our public school system will ever become a reality . . . I am prepared to assure the Greenbelt City Council that parents and teachers of the handicapped children would organize their efforts to provide the financial means for this purpose (the rental of a pool). We are at this point thinking of ongoing yearly swimming programs that may in some way help to defray the cost of maintenance of this facility."

To City Council: From the Chairman, Slalom Division Canoe Cruisers Association: "The Canoe Cruisers would be very interested in rental of the indoor pool in Greenbelt for their winter activities."

It should be noted that Greenbelt residents participate in and profit from these rentals.

There also exists a great demand for health and exercise facilities as witnessed by the spectacular growth of commercial Health Spas. The total income derived from the Health unit will add considerable revenues.

In conclusion, the following points are worth mentioning:

1) With these favorable financial prospects it might be considered advantageous to look for private development of an Aqua Spa. The disadvantages of this approach for Greenbelters are: much higher costs and no voice in the availability of the facilities for local use; private enterprise has to pay taxes, has to realize and maximize a profit; has to pay for land use and has to borrow capital at a higher rate than the City.

2) The suggested facility is to provide bath house facilities to serve both the indoor and outdoor pools. A savings of 70-90,000 dollars can be achieved if dressing rooms are built to serve only the Aqua Spa (the capacity of the outdoor pool is much larger). However, that would require the City to pay for the cost of renovating the existing bath house.

3) A distinction has to be made between the question "Can the Aqua Spa be self-supporting" and "Will the Aqua Spa be self-supporting." The City of Rockville leaned towards partly self support by restricting the rental hours and increasing the hours available for free swimming. In each of the four years of its existence it has

generated a surplus of income over operating expenses despite the presence of three private indoor pools relatively close by. Last year's surplus was \$37,000. Greenbelt will have to provide its own answer to the question whether it is preferable to be completely self-supporting or to have fewer rentals, more available pooltime or lower membership fees combined with partial tax support. The City states that payment of the total debt service would not increase the tax rate by more than 9 cents. But how much of the debt service will be paid for by surplus income, and whether there will be any impact on the tax rate and if so, how much: these are questions the citizens will have to decide. Their answer may vary from year to year, as annual rates and available rental times are decided upon, as at present for the outdoor pool. The important factor is that the circumstances make self support feasible.

Friends of the Aqua Spa  
Nino Moretti, Chairman

## PARKDALE BAND EARNS TOP AWARD

The Parkdale Senior High School Symphonic Band has received a plaque from the Westbrook Foundation, sponsors of the First International Festival of Bands in Vienna, Austria. The plaque was earned by the band in the competition held in Vienna in July. The Parkdale group received a rating of Superior for their musical presentation, the top rating given at the festival by the international panel of distinguished adjudicators. Competition at the festival was intense with twenty-five bands from the United States, together with bands from Europe and Israel, vying for top honors.

Attending the festival with the band and then touring Europe with the group for two weeks were Greenbelters Hoyt Matthai, Enrique Lasansky, Mindy and David Walder, Wayne Spong, Donna Townsend, Bill Cornett, and Leslie Moore.

## Greenbeltville LWV Hears Md. Corr. System Report

The Greenbeltville Unit of the League of Women Voters will hear the second of a four-part study of the Maryland correctional system at their first fall meeting Thursday evening, September 14.

This study will continue the Adult Corrections topic begun earlier, and will focus on the Prince Georges County Jail, as well as examine prisoner viewpoints, taken from interviews with former and present inmates. Leagues throughout the state of Maryland are gathering information for this in-depth study.

Thursday's meeting will be at the Center School Music Room in Greenbelt and will begin at 8 p.m.

For information about the League of Women Voters or for further information about the Corrections meeting call Nancy Mayer, Unit Chairman, at 345-8177, or Nancy Peirce, Membership Chairman, at 572-4030.

# CITY OF GREENBELT, MARYLAND AQUA-SPA INFORMATION

The City Council has scheduled a referendum election for Tuesday, October 3 on the question of issuing up to \$650,000 in general obligation bonds for the purpose of constructing an indoor swimming pool-health and exercise facility - frequently referred to as an "Aqua-Spa." This is the first of a series of four weekly articles to provide information to the residents of Greenbelt concerning the proposal.

The City Council has directed the city staff to prepare factual information for the residents of Greenbelt providing both the pros and cons of the proposal. In these articles, we shall attempt to do so. If, however, we publish any information with which you disagree, we urge you to prepare a written statement for submission to this newspaper and the city staff. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. William Edwards at 474-8000. We shall attempt to answer questions of general interest in this series of articles.

### HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

In September, 1969, an opinion poll was conducted at the City Council election. One question related to additional recreational facilities. In response to this question more people indicated that they would like to have an indoor swimming facility than any other kind of recreational facility.

In January, 1971, the Park and Recreation Advisory Board transmitted an exploratory report concerning an indoor swimming pool prepared by Commander Mark Hanlon (then a member of PRAB) and a citizen's committee consisting of Eileen Labukas, Leonie Penney, Roberta Smith, Till Bergemann and George Jones. That report recommended an indoor pool and proposed that Council authorize an engineering study to determine the cost of constructing such a pool between the Youth Center and the city's outdoor pool. It further recommended that a referendum on the subject be scheduled at the September council elections.

Council referred this proposal to the city staff for study. Mr. William Edwards, former Greenbelt Pool Manager and former Aquatics Director in Columbia, Maryland, was then and is now a part-time assistant to the City Manager. He conducted a study of the feasibility and costs of such a facility and submitted a report in May, which concluded that a pool would be a beneficial addition to the city's recreation program, that consideration should be given to adding a health facility to the pool complex and that an indoor pool would require a tax subsidy to operate and pay its debt service and would not be self-supporting as is the case with the outdoor pool. At that time, a pool with health facility was estimated to cost a minimum of \$250,000 by the staff. This would be a manufacturers package pool of minimal size.

In June, the Aquatic Boosters Club submitted a report to the City Council which took exception to the city staff report prepared by Mr. Edwards and concluded that an indoor pool costing \$250,000 could be self-supporting. They pointed out that there are private facilities which are self-supporting and even profit making. The Club report estimated that a combination of pool rentals, swim

team use fees, fees for swimming lessons and specialized activities, and family membership passes estimated to cost up to \$65 a winter season would yield sufficient revenues to finance annual operating costs of \$61,400.

The city staff, in a supplementary memo, noted that the Aquatic Boosters Club cost analysis was based upon a number of assumptions such as selling 300 or more season passes and renting the pool to private groups for approximately 25 hours. The staff indicated that the pool could be self-supporting if operated in the manner described by the Aquatic Boosters and if use was as heavy as was estimated in the Club report. However, the experience of the new Rockville City pool indicated that the city could not be assured that a pool facility would be totally self-supporting from fees charged and that tax monies would not be required to help pay the pool expenses.

The City Council, on June 14, 1971, decided not to hold a referendum at the regular election but to appoint a special citizens committee to study the matter. The committee consisted of Charles F. Schwan, Jr., Chairman, Stephen Polaschik, Joseph Costa, Leonie Penney, Muriel Weidenfeld, and David Conley. Upon Mr. Schwan's election to Council, Mr. Polaschik assumed chairmanship of the committee. On December 6, 1971, that committee recommended a referendum to authorize a bond issue to finance the construction of an indoor pool with a bathhouse to be used jointly by both the indoor and outdoor pools, and a health spa center. The committee further suggested in detail the type of facility to be constructed, and its cost of construction and operation. It recommended that the facility be larger than the minimal size, be custom designed and use high-quality materials requiring little or no maintenance. After much deliberation, the committee concluded that financial independence is not a requisite to having an indoor pool. The committee did feel, however, that, at worst, user fees (admission charges) would pay the pool's operating costs and, at best, the pool would be totally self-supporting. It noted that the Recreation Center, the Ridge Road Center, and all park facilities are supported by city taxes. The committee, therefore, concluded that it was convinced that the project would be well worthwhile for the city to build, even though at some periods of its existence it may require some tax support.

Subsequently, the city staff reviewed all cost figures, consulted with architects and pool builders and concluded that a pool-health spa complex as proposed by the Indoor Pool Committee could probably be built for \$650,000. There was some indication that costs could be higher than that, and, if so, some features in the proposed plan would have to be eliminated. On the other hand, there was also a possibility that final costs could be less than that amount, in which case a reduced amount of bonds would be issued or excess funds from the sale of bonds would be used to pay for redemption of the bonds. It was felt, however, that the \$650,000 amount was sufficient to assure the construction of a quality pool-health spa facility.

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## Jaycees Report To the Community

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### Projects for the Year

Individuals and organizations desiring to participate or otherwise contribute to the success of the projects, listed below, are invited to contact Jim McVay, 474-3080.

**Youth Program** . . . to provide masculine influence in the lives of fatherless boys aged 8-13. Activities include sports, field trips, and entertainment of interest to the boys.

**Bike Safety** . . . bicycle safety inspections and instruction in safe bicycle-riding skills.

**Drug Abuse** . . . designed to combat the abuse of drugs in the community, this program concentrates on users of narcotics and dangerous drugs.

**Do Something** . . . a program intended to encourage participation in volunteer organizations and the sharing of information and talents among volunteer organizations.

**Turkey Trot** . . . a physical fitness project involving running races over varying distances, climaxed with a 26 mile marathon. Long a favorite among amateur runners, participants from wide-ranging areas of North America are expected.

**Candidates Night** . . . an information and debate program involving candidates for political office, scheduled to be held prior to November elections.

**Mayor/Council Breakfast** . . . providing the opportunity for citizens to meet and talk with the Mayor and members of the Council in an informal atmosphere.

**Community Survey** . . . intended to obtain citizen opinions regarding services received from the city, county, and state governments. A similar survey in 1968 contributed to the passage of the meat inspection law in Maryland, and copies of survey results were provided to city, county, and state officials.

**Jaycee Center** . . . a building program involving renovation and maintenance of the city building used by the Jaycees as a meeting place. The Center is also used as a meeting place by two other organizations.

**OYM/OYE** . . . a community award program conducted to recognize the Outstanding Young Man (OYM) and Outstanding Young Educator (OYE) in Greenbelt after solicitation of nominations from the public. Greenbelt's 1972 OYM Don Minster, was selected as one of Maryland's five outstanding young men.

### Training Leaders

Self-development programs provide its members courses in public speaking, parliamentary procedure, and leadership training. The skills thus learned are applied by the members in their community service programs—an effective means of developing future community

## Recreation Review

### City Softball Championship

Greenbelt Shell, fresh from the National ASA tournament at Jacksonville, Florida, will take on Federal Wrecking this Thursday at 7 p.m., in a game that could determine the City Championship. The two teams are tied for the first place in the first half of league play. If Shell wins, they will take the league championship, as they captured the second half winner's slot. If Federal Wrecking wins, the teams will have split season play and a two out of three game playoff will become necessary. The first of the two out of three series would be played tonight at 8:30 p.m. with the remaining games scheduled for Tuesday Sept. 12 at 7 and 8:30 p.m.

### Fall/Winter Program Distribution

Programs with class information and registration dates will be distributed to all Greenbelt elementary schools this week. Please ask your children to bring them home to you to help you in selecting classes for the upcoming fall program. Watch the News Review next week for program announcement. Brochures will also be available in the shopping center, City Office Building, Ridge Road Center and the Youth Center.

### Men's Horseshoe Tourney Winners

This year's men's singles championship was won by Allen Archambo of Greenbelt in a double elimination competition. The runner-up trophy went to Leroy Beckford, who beat out veteran pitchers Rich Roland, Laurie Palmer and Bill Lawson in the semi-finals.

### Free Throw Contest Results

The 14 and Under Junior competition, held at the Youth Center, was won by Neil Kleinberg, who shot 15 out of 20 from the foul line. In the Senior contest, Allen Archambo also hit 15 out of 20 to win the trophy in his division.

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### Jaycees Lower Age Limit

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## CITY NOTES

An administrative assistant to city manager James K. Giese was hired and began work recently. He is Dennis E. Piendak, formerly administrative assistant for the borough of Monroeville, Pa. He will reside with his wife, Sharon, in University Square. The News Review expects to carry a fuller biography of the new city employee in next week's issue.

The search still continues however for an accountant to assume the position occupied by Mrs. Mabel Kandler, city treasurer, who will soon retire.

Major water damage from inadequate drainage marred a recently vacated apartment on Westway in University Square. Correcting the condition required the laying of drainage tile along the entire Westway frontage of the building and along its Lakeside exposure as well. Following backfilling of the excavated area on September 5, new sod was laid to repair the lawn.

Nine tons of paper were collected on September 1, for the city's recycling program, lighter than the 10-11 tons usually put out before the program was temporarily halted after the floods from tropical storm Agnes.

The Public Works Dept's general crew concentrated on various repair projects in Boxwood subdivision during the last week in August. A four-foot section of sidewalk on Greentree Pl. was repaired with asphalt, steps on a pathway on the city easement on Periwinkle Court were repaired and a railing installed, and a steeply eroded em-

## CHILDBIRTH EDUCATION

A class to help prepare for childbirth will be held at 8 p.m., on Monday, September 18, at the Washington Sanitarium and Hospital, Takoma Park, Maryland.

The Childbirth Education Association offers classes to help expectant parents understand and prepare intelligently for childbirth. This objective is carried out through community-wide classes which teach the Lamaze method of breathing and relaxation, the purposes of different kinds of medication, and the mechanics of labor and delivery and breastfeeding. All classes are taught by registered nurses who have used the Lamaze method of childbirth.

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bankment on Linwood Court was shored up with railway ties which were installed in such a way that water was channeled to an asphalt swale and thus could no longer damage the bank.

Both the special details and parks crews were kept busy with chores for the Labor Day Festival. They set up festival booths and prepared softball diamonds and horseshoe pits. The Parks crew prepared the football field for use by the Greenbelt Boys and Girls Clubs.

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## The Police Blotter

A car reported stolen from Springhill Lake was recovered 15 minutes later, out of the city, by Maryland State Police, with four arrests.

Plans were made to coordinate Labor Day activities. All officers were on duty for the parade. The Department also had a booth as usual during the celebration.

Chief Lane attended a meeting of the Governor's Commission on Law Enforcement and the Administration of Justice at the Court House in Upper Marlboro, in regard to a discussion on police department standards.

On Thursday afternoon, while on stake-out assignment at the Lake Park, and as a result of keen observation by PFC Vogel, a suspect was arrested in connection with several indecent exposures in that area. The suspect was identified in two of the cases. The suspect lives in the area, which explains how he was able to disappear so quickly in previous cases. He is out on bail.



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Evelyn and Sidney Barnett are proud grandparents for the fourth time. Seth Allan, born July 27, joins a brother, Ari David. The proud parents are Leonard and Jane Barnett Spitzer of Aurora, Colorado.

Sue, Mark, Brian, and Greg Turner of 47 Lakeside Dr. surprised their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cyril S. Turner, Jr., with a champagne and wedding cake Twenty-fifth Anniversary Party at their beach house in Ocean Pines on August 6. Other guests included Mrs. Turner's mother and sister from Mahwah, N. J., and two nieces and a nephew. On Aug. 22 former Greenbelter Ann Turner Andrews, now of New Castle, Del., also visited the Turners at Ocean Pines.

Greenbelt residents since August 1943, Ethel and Dave Fisher, 5-D Eastway, will be leaving this month for Natanya, Israel, where they will make their home. Formerly a mathematician at NASA, Dave will be associated with the University of Tel Aviv. Ethel, employed by GHI for 18 years said, "Greenbelt has been very good to us. Our four children grew up here and loved our community. We shall miss our friends and will be happy to have them visit us in Israel." The Fishers were charter members of the Jewish Community Center (Mishkan Torah), Dave having served as president. We wish them much happiness in their new home.

Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Pergola, 18-V Ridge, proudly announce the birth of their grandson, Thomas Allen Pergola II. The son of Carolyn and Thomas Pergola, he was born on August 9 and weighed in at 7 lbs. 6 oz. Tom joins a sister, Angela, age 2.

Greenbelter Arthur McKenney, on behalf of Alert, presented County Executive William W. Gullett with a special insignia after Gullett signed a proclamation for Alert Week in the county. The observance takes note of the many citizen band radio operators in the county who aid police, fire and civil defense forces during times of emergency and disaster.

Thomas A. Donnelly, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Donnelly, 24 Woodland Way, has been named to receive the Rev. Aloysius C. Galvin, S.J., Presidential Scholarship at the University of Scranton, where he will major in physics. As a Presidential Scholar at the University, Donnelly will receive a four year full tuition grant.

Former Greenbelters, Gladys and Joseph Long of St. Petersburg, Florida are in town visiting old friends. The Longs make it a practice of traveling north for the Labor Day Festival, and we are happy that they are here.

### GREENBELT SHELL WINS

After defeating a stubborn Virginia Rebel Softball Team 11 to 10 in Regional Play-offs in Baltimore, on August 26th, Greenbelt Shell, sponsored by Jim Parsley and coached by Tony Santini, won the privilege of participating in the National Softball Tournament in Jacksonville, Florida, this past Labor Day weekend.

On Friday night Greenbelt defeated Rudder Construction 20 to 15, and on Saturday defeated Cee Bass of Portsmouth, Virginia 17 to 4. However, on Sunday after losing to Mr. Dees from Seattle, Washington, and Little Ceasars of Detroit, they rated 9th in the Nation. Last year Greenbelt was rated 18th nationally in the Cleveland Tournament.

### GREENBELT LIBRARY CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

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### DISPLAYS

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## County Citizens Organize To "Humanize Education"

Ruth Wolf, Prince Georges County Board of Education member, will speak on "Prince Georges County Education: Problems and Possibilities" at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, September 14, 1972, in the Meeting Room, New Carrollton Library.

Mrs. Wolf's talk will comprise a major part of the kick-off meeting for a newly formed group, "The Prince Georges Association for Humanizing Education." Members are a group of concerned citizens in Prince Georges County who want to increase the educational options and resources available to all children in the County schools. Mrs. Bernice Kastner will chair the meeting. The public is invited.

Marge Donn said the group is currently involved in member recruitment. "We're just beginning. We have some goals defined and many ideas about improvements needed in the school system. Our next step is to select those specific areas where we can have the greatest impact. I think there are probably lots of frustrated people in our county with views similar to ours who are aching to do something constructive. Until now there's been no such group available."

## APB Wants More Info On SHL North Plan

A preliminary plan for the undeveloped property located north of the Beltway and west of Edmonston Road has been deemed unsatisfactory by the city's Advisory Planning Board because it does not provide for the dedication of roads and parkland. The APB recommended to the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission that it seek a proper subdivision plan from the owners of Springhill Lake on which the city can comment.

The APB noted that although two roads are expected to traverse the property according to the Greenbelt Master Plan, the preliminary plan does not show these roads. Nor does the plan show any parkland which according to the APB, is required to be set aside under the mandatory dedication ordinance. Also absent from the plan are a school site and the boundaries of the various tracts of land that are zoned R-18, C-O, and C-2.

City manager James Giese said the owners have indicated their desire to eliminate the perimeter road because it is located so as to restrict the use of the flood plain area as green space for their apartments.

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Miss Martha Plaster, Miss Greenbelt 1972

## Martha Plaster Crowned Miss Greenbelt 1972

by Shirley Meredith

Miss Martha Plaster, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Plaster of Laurel Hill, was crowned at the closing ceremonies of the 18th Annual Queen Pageant of the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival on Sunday evening, September 3 to reign as "Miss Greenbelt 1972" during the coming year. Martha, blond and blue-eyed, was lovely in a lilac gown during the evening's competition. She was sponsored by Greenbelt Shell and is a student at the University of Maryland.

Miss Beverly Goulart, Miss Greenbelt 1971, placed the crown on Miss Plaster, followed by the placement of the queen's green and white velvet robe by Mrs. Anna Burchik and Mrs. Barbara Lawson, co-chairmen of the pageant. The robe was made by Mrs. Linda Hicks, treasurer of the festival. Others taking part in the presentations were: Wendy Lawson, Crown Bearer; Bill Lawson, trophies; Tom Meredith, flowers; and Jamie Burchick, sashes. Miss Plaster received a \$150 scholarship from the Patricia Stevens Model Agency and gift certificates from Shirley's and Tom McAnn's of Beltway Plaza.

Miss Susan Roland, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Roland of Plateau Place, was selected as the first runner-up and also was chosen "Miss Photogenic". Sue is a student at Parkdale Senior High School and was sponsored by Beltway Plaza. Miss Roland also will receive a scholarship in the amount of \$75.

Second runner-up was Miss Robin Corbin, daughter of Mrs. Joyce Corbin of Southway, and was sponsored by Greenbelt Homes, Inc. Miss Corbin will receive a \$50 scholarship.

The other two finalists were Miss Alice Plaster, sister of the new Miss Greenbelt, and Miss Barbara Coloe, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Coloe of Woodland Way. They were sponsored by Ben Franklin's and Kash Realtor respectively.

The "Miss Congeniality" trophy was awarded to Miss Rita Jean Polaschik, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Polaschik of Ridge Road. This award was judged and voted on by the contestants in the pageant. Rita was sponsored by the Greenbelt Sport Center.

Others in the pageant and also receiving trophies and flowers were Shirley Clute, Olga Penney, Pamela Davis, Frances Hromulak, and Joanne Izzo.

During showers of rain, (the first

in 18 years of the Labor Day parade), Miss Plaster and her court were lovely on the float which they helped design and decorate. Jamie Burchik designed and made the swings on which the contestants sat. At the close of the parade and during the presentations of the judges' awards, the Queen's float won a special award for the most beautiful float in the parade. The award was accepted by Mrs. Shirley Meredith, Pageant Chairman.

## Talent Winners

Large audiences were entertained by an array of talented youngsters and teens at the annual Labor Day talent contest held Saturday, Sept. 2 and Sunday, Sept. 3. Winners of the Sept. 2 contest were first, Barrie Ann Bittenbender with a jazz acrobatic act and second, Sandra Fimiani, singing and tap dancing. On Sept. 3 first place was won by Glenn Bittenbender with a baton twirling act. Two groups tied for second place, folk singers Ted Co-well and Harvey Reed; and teen band Craig Conway, Chris Ishee, Bill Gales and Tommy Webb. Others youngsters who performed were Diane Burchick, Jackie Lee, Annett, Vanderzon, Brenda Bradford, Glenda Snowden, Tom Savage, Joel Kastner, Margaret Kelly, Julie Fimiani and Debbie Brown.

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## ORT Comes to Greenbelt

On Monday, September 25, a charter will be signed creating the new Greater Greenbelt Chapter of Women's American ORT.

Women's American ORT (Organization for Rehabilitation through Training) supports the world-wide network of ORT schools which offer vocational training to the needy.

After September, meetings will be held the third Monday of the month at 8 p.m. at the Co-op meeting room, upstairs from Co-op store.

Arrangements will be made to have tea with all who are interested. Please contact our membership vice president at 474-7335 or 474-9165 for more detailed information concerning our program.

## Aqua Spa Backers Introduce Author

Introduced at the presentation of parade awards was Terri Lee, author of Aquacises, a book on water exercises for fitness and figure beauty which has been endorsed by the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports. Mrs. Lee, who looks like a college co-ed, is actually a grandmother of four and presents herself as an example of the healthful aspects of swimming. A consultant to several national organizations, Mrs. Lee was invited by Friends of the Aqua-Spa to lend support to the forthcoming bond issue for an indoor swimming and health spa facility.



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## Bobby Fischer Next?

Two chess events were presented at the Labor Day Festival, both featuring local expert Joseph Sucher. Sucher took on 18 opponents simultaneously on Saturday, September 3 and an additional 18 the following evening. He won all the games but one; his game with Henry Lasansky was a draw. Lasansky is a student at Parkdale High School.

## Women's Study Report Available At Library

The Greenbelt Branch of the Prince Georges County Memorial Library has available for use a reference copy of the Report of the Ad Hoc Committee to Study the Status of Women. This committee was established by the County Council in October, 1971, and has concerned itself specifically with the situation of women in Prince Georges County.

## Greenbelt Carry-out

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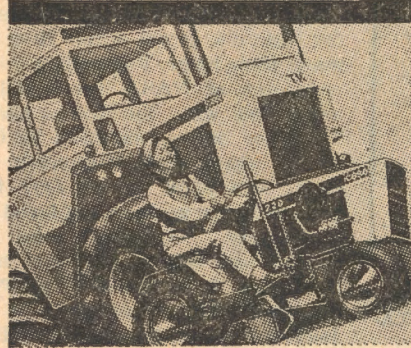
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